

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph having number 00039 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Tubular bypass grafts such as graft 16 can be secured within vessel walls or to other tissue by a variety of fixation mechanisms other than expandable stents. For example, Figure 2 illustrates an annular collet 38 attached to one end of a graft 40. The collet may be laminated or bonded to the graft, and is pre-formed to have a segment 42 extending radially beyond the graft.

Suitable materials for the collet 38 and/or segment 42 include memory elastic material, e.g., nickel titanium. Other suitable materials include stainless steel and thermoset plastic. Segment 42 also is collapsible into a low profile to facilitate introduction through vasculature and deployment through the vessel wall. When released, the collet assumes the preformed configuration as shown. A portion 44 of the graft may extend along collet segment 42 to secure the vessel wall between the graft material and the collet and provide additional support for attaching the graft to the vessel.